

1. On 12 November 1979 Mrs. Clark and I hosted a dinner party at our home. HARTWIG was among the guests, having come without his wife who was out of the city. HARTWIG remained after the other guests had departed and since he is an old acquaintance, the conversation ran first to personal subjects and then later to matters of business. The main points of that part of the conversation were as follows:

2. HARTWIG at first discussed the desirable traits of WAGNER in his position of Vice President. He stated that WAGNER was the first man who was ideal in that position. He based his opinions on the fact that WAGNER made no decisions on his own and carried out the Doctor's desires exactly in the manner in which the Doctor wished them to be accomplished. HARTWIG also stated that WAGNER's personality was pleasing but in no way overshadowed or competed with the Doctor's own personality.

3. From this beginning, HARTWIG then discussed a few of the previous deputies, namely Gen. WESSEL, and General von Mollathin. His opinion of WESSEL was that he was an outstanding personality but with a very limited scope. He remarked repeatedly on the narrow field of interest possessed by Gen. WESSEL. According to HARTWIG, Gen. von MOLLATHIN's problem was that he took it upon himself to make too many decisions without first consulting the Doctor. This trait eventually led to his being transferred to the States.

4. At this point the conversation turned to KUEHN and his present assignment as Gen. von Mollathin's replacement. HARTWIG had nothing but the highest praise and admiration for KUEHN as a man and for his professional capability. He said that KUEHN was transferred because of his growing power within the organization. He said this power came about through no effort on KUEHN's, but rather because personnel from the entire organization relied upon him and trusted him to present their various problems to the Doctor. HARTWIG spoke as if it were a well-known fact that the Doctor could not tolerate anyone in his executive staff who might at some time gain enough personal power to threaten or even compete with his own position.

5. The conversation at that point drifted naturally into the speculation on which of the deputies, past or present, would take the organization over as its President upon the death or retirement of the Doctor. HARTWIG discussed the relative merits of each former deputy and then stated that he was of the firm opinion that the Doctor's choice would be KUEHN. He also stated that KUEHN was by far his own personal preference. The conversation then turned once more to reaffirming the apparently countless virtues of KUEHN, all of which favorably impressed HARTWIG.

6. A highlight on KUEHN's character was supplied by GLENDE earlier in the evening. He related that at the war's end KUEHN commanded a tank division (or battalion) which was among the last German units to surrender to the Allies. His unit apparently operated to the very end of the war in and behind Allied lines, causing more than considerable destruction and worry for Allied commanders in the front line area.

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In the course of the evening's conversation, HARRIS brought up another related, but somewhat interesting subject. It seems that during one of our earlier meetings some years ago I had suggested that HARRIS, having the position he holds within the organization, send future generations of Germany a daily history of the present URSAL. He informed me that he had attempted for some time to keep a daily record for the propagation of such a history but that recently his work was so great that he was unable to continue. He had, however, undertaken compiling a summary for the specific purpose of resuming the daily events which might result in decisions or acts which would in the future contribute to the history of URSAL.

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